

SITUATION IN FRANCE

I. Faure wily politico:

- A. Represents all-things-to-all-men political approach which can resolve no basic issues.
- B. Large majority on investiture no guarantee of stable coalition:

II. Faure committed to press for approval of Paris agreements:

- A. Faure reported well aware US suspicions following his ^{voted against} defection over EDC, and he is most anxious gain US confidence through early ratification.

- 1. Deadline for Council action 1 April.

Nevertheless,

- B. Palewski in newly created Ministry for International Organizations is danger:

- 1. Bemoaned West "continuing to follow the sad road of an outmoded

2. Amendment will be proposed by

Gaullists in the Council.

C. Well-organized campaign of Communists and other opponents to influence Senators against accords:

1. Letters (about 15 per day to each senator) beginning to make serious dents.

a. Senators recognize Communist inspiration of letters but are influenced because they come from prominent non-Communist constituents.

2. Half of senators up for re-election in June. '55

a. Humanite running daily lists of their names and urging pressure on them.

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b. Campaign of posters showing
poignant local scenes under
German occupation and portrait
of local deputies under big
headlines: This man voted
for German Rearmament.

3. Two organizations conducting pro-
accords campaign.

a. National Movement of Local
Office-holders sending
100,000 pro-WEU letters to
municipal and departmental
councilors.

b. Socialist Office-holders'
Association

1. Distributing similar
appeal.

Pinay - F. A.

Schuman - Justice

Tetzer - Over Seas France

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